

REVIEWS OF BOOKS.

THE ROLLER BANDAGE. By WILLIAM BARTON HOPKINS, M.D. Fifth Edition, revised. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1902.

The fifth edition of this well-known little manual presents some notable alterations from its predecessors. In the first place, the illustrations are entirely new, the plates and electrotypes of the former edition having been destroyed by fire. This may be regarded as a fortunate accident, since it has given the author the opportunity of making the illustrations even more perfect than they have heretofore been. Secondly, it has led to a complete remodelling and rewriting of the text. The most notable change resulting from the latter has been the omission of the section on surgical dressings and materials, with the exception of the description of fixed dressings. As it stands now, the book is a most complete exposition of the principles and practice of the art of bandaging and the application of immovable dressings. The statement frequently made that bandaging is a thing which cannot be learned from books may be regarded as absolutely true; at the same time, however, there is no doubt that the principles of bandaging must be learned before the surgeon acquires the art by the practical carrying out of them.

The present edition of the "Roller Bandage," if anything, exceeds in value those which have so well proved their usefulness heretofore. For the student, no matter in what institution he may receive his instruction, this book will be an invaluable companion. To the practitioner, likewise, it can be commended as a complete exposition of the views of a surgeon of great experience on the correct application of dressings which it falls to the lot of

most of us to be frequently called upon to apply. The author has for many years been on the staff of the Pennsylvania Hospital, in which institution there are probably more cases of acute fracture treated than in any other hospital in the United States. From this vast field Dr. Hopkins has drawn the material which he has condensed into its present attractive form. That the present edition will have an even larger success than the former ones can be most surely predicated.

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THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF BANDAGING. By GWILYM G. DAVIS, M.D. Octavo, illustrated, pp. 146. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1902.

This little book of 146 pages and 163 illustrations has the rare merit of being just what its title indicates and nothing more. In a simple but clear and concise way the writer has described a simple department of surgical technique. Roller Bandages, Tailed Bandages, and Handkerchief Bandages are each in succession considered. The illustrations are abundant, clear, and satisfactory.

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MINOR SURGERY AND BANDAGING. By HENRY R. WHARTON, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery, Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, etc. Fifth Edition. Pp. 621. Philadelphia: Lee Brothers.

Minor surgery we understand to include the treatment of such conditions of a surgical nature as do not ordinarily demand general anaesthesia. Abrasions, contusions, incised and lacerated wounds, most fractures, many dislocations, a few amputations, such as fingers and toes, these, with the care of local and general infections, burns, and the various forms of dressings and bandages are appropriately treated of under the title which is given to the book now under review.